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The Order of Worship
uniting
The Evangelical United Brethren Church
and
The Methodist Church
to form
The United Methodist Church

presiding
Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet

declaring the union
Bishop Reuben H. Mueller
Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke

eight-thirty o'clock in the morning
April 23, 1968
Dallas Memorial Auditorium
Dallas, Texas

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The Order of Worship

† *Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the place of worship.*

† *All are invited to participate audibly in portions of the service printed in boldface type.*

THE PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E^b major J. S. Bach

Festival Fanfare on "Sine Nomine" Lloyd Pfautsch

THE PROCESSIONAL

For All the Saints William W. How

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO OFFER THE UNION TO GOD

Dearly beloved, we are assembled here to unite The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church and thus to form The United Methodist Church. All here present are exhorted with eyes wide open to the mercies of God, and in the holy intention of love and obedience, to offer this union to God in the confident hope that it is acceptable to him and will be a blessing to his people.

In the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, let us go on to the perfection of our unity in him and in his Church.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord hath made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy, we are born anew to a living hope through his resurrection from the dead.

THE HYMN † *The people standing*

Spirit of Faith, Come Down Charles Wesley

Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God;
And make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood.
'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see,
Who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.

No man can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,
Unless thou take the veil away, and breathe the living Word.
Then, only then, we feel our interest in His blood,
And cry, with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"

O that the world might know the all atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of His name.
The grace which all may find, the saving power, impart;
And testify to all mankind, and speak in every heart.

Inspire the living faith, which whosoe'er receives
The witness in himself he hath, and consciously believes;
That faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move,
And saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love. Amen.

THE INVOCATION † *By the minister, the people standing*

Almighty and everlasting God, who has built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; We pray thee to inspire the Church universal with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all who confess thy holy name may abide in thy truth and live in unity and godly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION † *By the minister, the people seated*

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures move us to acknowledge and confess our sins before almighty God, our heavenly Father, with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

THE CONFESSION † *The people seated, bowed, and saying*

Our heavenly Father, who by thy love hast made us, and through thy love hast kept us, and in thy love wouldst make us perfect: We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ hath loved us. Thy life is within our souls, but our selfishness hath hindered thee. We have not lived by faith. We have resisted thy Spirit. We have neglected thine inspirations.

Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in thy Spirit direct what we shall be, that thou mayest come into the full glory of thy creation, in us and in all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE † *By the minister*

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life. St. John 3:16

But should anyone commit sin, we have one to plead our cause with the Father, Jesus Christ, and he is just. He is himself the remedy for the defilement of our sins, not our sins only but the sins of all the world. 1 John 2:1, 2

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE VERSICLE † *The people standing*

O Lord open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

THE PSALTER

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God;

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth;

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it;

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come let us worship and fall down;

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God;

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;

and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE † *The people seated*

1 Corinthians 12:12—13:13

THE ANTHEM

I Will Extol Thee (Psalm 145:1-10) Daniel Moe

THE GOSPEL † *The people standing*

St. John 17:13-26

THE DOXOLOGY

THE NICENE CREED

**WE BELIEVE in one God: the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things seen and unseen.**

**And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before time began:**

**God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God,
begotten, not made,
one in essence with the Father,
and through whom all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and was made flesh of the Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit,
and became man.**

**He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered and was buried.**

**On the third day he arose from the dead,
as the Scriptures had foretold.**

**He ascended into heaven,
where he sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
and His Kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**Together with the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church:
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins:
We await the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE SERMON

Visions and Dreams

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;" Acts 2:17

THE HYMN † *The people standing*

Jesus, We Look to Thee Charles Wesley

**Jesus, we look to thee,
Thy promised presence claim;
Thou in the midst of us shalt be,
Assembled in thy name:
Thy name salvation is,
Which here we come to prove;
Thy name is life and joy and peace
And everlasting love.
We meet, the grace to take
Which thou hast freely given;
We meet on earth for thy dear sake,
That we may meet in heaven.
Present we know thou art,
But O thyself reveal!
Now, Lord, let every bounding heart
The mighty comfort feel.
O might thy quickening voice
The death of sin remove;
And bid our inmost souls rejoice
In hope of perfect love. Amen.**

THE SILENCE BEFORE THE OFFERING

O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received:
Accept this offering of thy people.
Remember in thy love those who have brought it,
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with thy blessing
that it may promote peace and good will among men,
and advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING OF THE UNION TO GOD

- † Then shall the ministers place the Holy Scriptures on the table.*
- † Then shall the editors of The Evangelical United Brethren Hymnal and of The Methodist Hymnal carry the hymnals to the table and place them side by side.*
- † Then shall the book editors of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church carry the books of worship to the table and place them thereon side by side over the hymnals.*
- † Then shall the publishers of The Evangelical United Brethren Discipline and The Methodist Discipline carry the Disciplines to the table and place them thereon side by side over the hymnals and the books of worship.*
- † Then shall the secretaries of The Evangelical United Brethren Commission on Church Union and of The Methodist Ad Hoc Committee on EUB Union carry The Plan of Union to the table and place it over the hymnals, the books of worship, and the Disciplines as token that the two churches which lived under two books of law now become one church under one book of law.*
- † Then shall the chairman of The Evangelical United Brethren Commission on Church Union and the chairman of The Methodist Ad Hoc Committee on EUB Union read The Declaration of Union.*

THE DECLARATION OF UNION

I, REUBEN H. MUELLER, a bishop of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, hereby announce that the Plan of Union with The Methodist Church has been adopted by The Evangelical United Brethren Church in accordance with the procedures prescribed in its constitutional law, namely, by an affirmative vote of more than three fourths of the members of the Chicago General Conference present and voting on November 11, 1966, and by more than a two-thirds affirmative vote of the aggregate number of members of all the annual conferences in North America present and voting thereon.

I, LLOYD C. WICKE, a bishop of The Methodist Church, hereby announce that the Plan of Union with The Evangelical United Brethren Church has been adopted by The Methodist Church in accordance with the procedures prescribed in its constitution, namely, by vote of more than a two-thirds majority of the members of the Chicago General Conference present and voting on November 11, 1966, and

by more than a two-thirds majority of all members of the several annual conferences present and voting thereon.

We now jointly declare that the Plan of Union between The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church has, by its terms and by the terms of the Enabling Legislation, become effective and henceforth The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church shall go forward as a single entity to be known as The United Methodist Church.

† Then shall Bishop Mueller and Bishop Wicke come, join hands over the Plan of Union, and say

Lord of the Church, we are united in thee, in thy Church,
and now in The United Methodist Church. **Amen.**

THE UNION OF THE MEMBERS

† Then shall two children, representing all the children of the two churches, come, join hands over the Plan of Union, and say

Lord of the Church, we are united in thee, in thy Church,
and now in The United Methodist Church. **Amen.**

† Then shall two youths, representing all the youth of the two churches, come, join hands over the Plan of Union, and say

Lord of the Church, we are united in thee, in thy Church,
and now in The United Methodist Church. **Amen.**

† Then shall two adults, representing all the adults of the two churches, come, join hands over the Plan of Union, and say

Lord of the Church, we are united in thee, in thy Church,
and now in The United Methodist Church. **Amen.**

THE UNION OF THE MINISTERS

† Then shall six ordained ministers, representing all the ordained ministers of the two churches on five continents, come, join hands over the Plan of Union, and say

Lord of the Church, we are united in thee, in thy Church,
and now in The United Methodist Church. **Amen.**

† Then shall two church officers, representing all church officers of the two churches, come, join hands over the Plan of Union, and say

Lord of the Church, we are united in thee, in thy Church,
and now in The United Methodist Church. **Amen.**

THE UNION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCES

† Then shall the members of the General Conferences of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church and all members of these churches present, stand, join hands, and say

**Lord of the Church, we are united in thee, in thy Church,
and now in The United Methodist Church. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF UNITY *† The people still standing*

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord Charles Wesley

**All praise to our redeeming Lord,
Who joins us by his grace,
And bids us, each to each restored,
Together seek his face.**

**The gift which he on one bestows,
We all delight to prove,
The grace through every vessel flows
In purest streams of love.**

**He bids us build each other up;
And, gathered into one,
To our high calling's glorious hope,
We hand in hand go on.**

**We all partake the joy of one;
The common peace we feel:
A peace to sensual minds unknown,
A joy unspeakable.**

**And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What height of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet!**

THE VERSICLE

The Lord be with you

And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

† *The minister will offer the prayers with the people responding.*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give thee praise and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and tender mercies. We bless thee for the love which hath created and doth sustain us from day to day. We praise thee for the gift of thy Son, our Saviour, through whom thou hast made known thy will and grace. We thank thee for the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; for thy holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and godly men, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord hath done for us; and enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are given wholly to thy service;

We beseech thee to hear us Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst pray that thy Church might be one even as thou and the Father are one: Make us who profess one Lord, one faith, and one Baptism, to be of one heart and of one mind. Deliver us from blindness and prejudice, from intolerance and evil-speaking, that, joined in one holy bond of faith and charity, we, whom thou hast reconciled to thyself, may be reconciled to one another, and so make thy praise glorious; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end.

We beseech thee to hear us Lord.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to remember thy holy Church on earth; teach us to love thy house above all dwellings; thy Scriptures above all books; thy Sacraments above all gifts; the communion of saints above all company; and grant that, as one family, we may give thanks and adore thy glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We beseech thee to hear us Lord.

Raise up, we pray thee, faithful servants of Christ to labor in the Gospel.

We beseech thee to hear us Lord.

We pray thee especially, heavenly Father, to bless our homes with thy light and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptism, and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and godliness.

We beseech thee to hear us Lord.

Bless, we pray thee, the schools of the Church, universities and centers of research, all institutions of learning, and those who exercise the care of souls therein.

We beseech thee to hear us Lord.

Give to all men the mind of Christ, and dispose our days in thy peace, O God. Take from us all hatred and prejudice, and whatever may hinder unity of spirit and concord. Prosper the labors of those who lead and take counsel for the nations of the world, that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples;

We beseech thee to hear us Lord.

We remember with gratitude those who have loved and served thee in thy Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all thy saints, and bring us at last to the joy of thy heavenly kingdom;

We beseech thee to hear us Lord.

THE COVENANT † *The bishop presiding leading*

We are no longer our own, but thine. Put us to what thou wilt, rank us with whom thou wilt; put us to doing, put us to suffering; let us be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee; let us be full, let us be empty; let us have all things, let us have nothing; We freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art ours, and we are thine. So be it. And the covenant which we have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

THE HYMN

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine Charles Wesley

**Come, let us use the grace divine,
And all with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join
Ourselves to Christ the Lord.**

Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power,
His name to glorify;
And promise, in this sacred hour
For God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make
Be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake,
Or cast his words behind.

We never will throw off his fear
Who hears our solemn vow;
And if thou art well pleased to hear,
Come down and meet us now. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION † *By the bishop presiding*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

The Heaven's Declare
the Glory of God (Psalm 19) Beneditto Marcello

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THE PARTICIPANTS

(in the order of their appearing in the procession)

The Marshalls

The Reverend Paul V. Church, Evangelical United Brethren Vice-chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program.

The Reverend J. Otis Young, Methodist Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program.

The Acolytes

Bearing the cross

Mr. George Christian Engelhardt, Connecticut

Bearing the lights

Miss Carolyn M. Hardin, Arkansas

Miss Marlu Liwag Primero, The Philippines

Bearing the Scriptures

Mr. Nobuhiro Imaizumi, Japan

Bearing the flags of the Church and the United States

Mr. Quentin J. Faulkner, New Jersey

Mr. John Felix Munjoma, Rhodesia

The Delegates from Countries where the Uniting Churches Minister
Bearing Flags of Their Countries

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Bulgaria	France	Norway	Congo
Burma	Germany	Okinawa	Sweden
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Children

Miss Rhonda Elizabeth Renfro, Methodist child from Dallas, Texas

Master Robert O. Tupper II, Evangelical United Brethren child from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Youth

Miss Jean Boening, Methodist youth from St. Paul, Minnesota

Mr. Lester Kurtz, Evangelical United Brethren youth from Topeka, Kansas

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Mrs. Emma Tousant, Evangelical United Brethren laywoman from Quincy, Massachusetts

Mr. J. P. Zepeda, Methodist layman from Fort Worth, Texas

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Mr. Samuel L. Meyer, President of Ohio Northern University

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The Reverend Paul Washburn, Executive Secretary of The Commission on Church Union of The Evangelical United Brethren Church

Bishop Lance E. Webb, Chairman of The Commission on Worship of The Methodist Church

The Preacher of the Word

The Reverend Albert C. Outler, Professor of Historical Theology at Southern Methodist University

The Bishops Declaring the Union

Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, Indiana

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York, New York

The Bishop Presiding

Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet, San Francisco, California

THE MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING

Organist—Mr. Phil Baker, Dallas, Texas

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The Reverend Carlton R. Young, Director

Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri

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The Reverend Aaron M. Sheaffer, Director

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Coordinator

Some prayers in this service adapted from
Service Book and Hymnal of The Lutheran Church in America.

